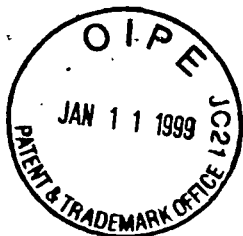


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Applicants: Timothy R. Heindel, et al.  
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FASTENERS ON DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT  
ARTICLES

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner **finally rejected** claims 35, 43, 44, 48 and 50-57 and which was mailed on October 27, 1998 (Paper No. 6), reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

35. (Twice Amended) A package of disposable absorbent articles comprising a plurality of said disposable absorbent articles wherein each of said disposable absorbent articles includes an outer cover, a bodyside liner, an absorbent core disposed between said outer cover and said bodyside liner, a pair of elastic ear tabs, and at least one mechanical fastener, wherein said at least one mechanical fastener is a hook-and-loop type mechanical fastener which comprises a hook material which includes